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Mr. Dean Fowler
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RE: Final Plan for Institutional Controls for Colbert Landfill Site
Dated December 18, 1989.

Dear Dean:

Ecology and EPA have received copies of the above stated plan. There are several items which were not incorporated into the final plan. Those items were listed in our comment letter to you of October 3, 1989 on the draft Institutional Controls plan. Those items which need to be incorporated into the final plan are:

Page 2-7 Second Paragraph (add): County personnel, or consultants/contractors to the County, will inspect the landfill on a quarterly basis to evaluate the condition of the soil cover and the effectiveness of the perimeter access controls and posted notices. A written report of the each inspection shall be submitted to Ecology, EPA, and the Spokane County Health District to insure that the quarterly inspections have occurred. If the County determines.....

Section 2-3 Proposed Access Controls (add): A sign shall be erected at the gate(s) to warn/notify people that the landfill is closed, dumping of garbage is not allowed, where the nearest landfill or drop box is, and who to contact if they have questions regarding the landfill. The sign should also state that dumping of garbage subjects them to a fine.

Section 3.0 Schedule (question): Is it possible for a Spokane County crew (County employees) to do the needed work on the berms and/or ditches and to erect the signs, rather than going to an outside construction contractor? It seems that the work could easily be done with a backhoe to build berms or to excavate ditches. Signs can be posted on steel fence post pounded into the ground with a sledge hammer or forced into the ground with the bucket on a backhoe. We suggest this approach as a way to save money and time. (Is it a valid assumption, from your lack

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of response/inclusion of this idea, that it is not possible to use County employees for the construction work?)

Please incorporate these changes into a new final plan. You may submit new pages and we will incorporate them into the copies we have received, rather than issuing 15 new copies of the plan. Once we receive the new pages incorporating these changes, the plan will then be approved.

Ecology has received the November 1, 1989 letter from Jim Emacio regarding new purveyor wells. That letter is awaiting additional review by Jeff Myers, who you know, and Charlie Roe, a senior Assistant Attorney General who is our "water expert." Once I receive their comments, I will send them on to you and Jim.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please give me a call at (206)438-3043.

Sincerely,

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